

## EXTRA POLICE FOR FAIR WEEK

Officers Sent to Fair Grounds Will Take Note of All Fines and Costs Imposed.

In order that there may be no vacancies on the force working in the city while a number of men are doing duty at the State Fair Grounds, the Board of Police Commissioners, in a called meeting last night, appointed sixteen men from the eligible list to take the place of those assigned to special work.

The officers appointed last night will be sworn in by City Clerk Ben August at 6:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and again on Tuesday afternoon, after the meeting of the City Council Monday night. The Council will approve the action of the board, and an appropriation will be made for the additional expense.

The board decided that all policemen attending the fair must go in uniform. The mounted and the bicycle squads will be assigned to duty on the grounds, and a sergeant, probably Sergeant Holdcroft, will be placed at their head. City Electrician W. H. Thompson has made all necessary arrangements in the way of police telephones and an electric signal on the Midway.

Major Werner, it is understood, will inform the men that they must take note of all arrests made by them and of the fines and costs imposed, in case of conviction, by the magistrates. This is to avoid, as far as possible, the

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trouble which is said to have occurred last year, when there was an alleged difference between the money turned in to the Henrico county court and that received by some of the magistrates. The assignment of city police to the fair grounds is done at the request of Judge R. Carter Scott, of the Henrico county Circuit Court, who addressed a note to Major Werner asking him to assist in policing the grounds.

The men appointed last night are as follows: F. A. Welsh, T. A. Conway, C. Jacobini, L. P. Waldrop, E. S. Hart, J. R. Tyler, W. J. Brennan, H. R. Hartsch, P. H. Akers, Louis Bertucci, W. A. Moore, J. A. Baughan, H. F. Sweet, J. L. Wyatt, J. W. Woodland, N. O. Powell.

## POSTMASTERS ELECT WITHOFT PRESIDENT; HITCHCOCK CAN'T COME

National Association Will Reach Final Adjournment To-Day.

### OMAHA GETS CONVENTION

Topics Relating to Efficiency of Service Discussed at Great Length.

Although the National Convention of Postmasters of the First Class remained in session until this morning, especially to hear an address from Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, telegrams from Washington last night announced that the Postmaster-General has been compelled by the pressure of Cabinet business to cancel his engagement here. The Postmaster-General, who had been delayed from day to day in coming, telegraphed President Morgan yesterday that he expected to leave Washington last night and to speak here to-day, and much disappointment was expressed that the head of the service could not be at this convention. There are one or two papers yet to be read, and the committee on resolutions is yet to make its report. The convention will probably reach a final adjournment before noon.

Economy of administration of postal affairs and the introduction of a rural parcels post, both as an extension of service to farmers and to share in the cost of the rural free delivery, the largest item in the present deficit, were the chief topics of discussion before

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POSTMASTER F. G. WITHOFT, OF DAYTON, OHIO, New President of Postmasters' Association.

the convention yesterday morning. Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General P. V. Degraw was the chief speaker, and his greetings from the department were warmly applauded.

The afternoon was spent in a sight-seeing trip, winding up with a reception and tea at the Country Club of Virginia.

Officers Elected. Acting on the report of the committee on nominations, the following officers were elected: President, Frederick G. Withoft, postmaster, Dayton, Ohio. First Vice-President, E. R. Sizer, postmaster, Lincoln, Neb. Second Vice-President, Isadore Sobel, postmaster, Erie, Pa. Third Vice-President, R. E. Woods, postmaster, Louisville, Ky. Fourth Vice-President, George W. Bean, postmaster, Tampa, Fla. Fifth Vice-President, E. C. Mansfield, postmaster, Boston, Mass. Treasurer, D. C. Owen, Milwaukee, Wis.

On report of the committee on place of meeting, Omaha was selected as the next place of meeting. Invitations having been received from Atlantic City, St. Louis and other points.

Economy in Service. Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General

Degraw was introduced by President Morgan amid much applause. He spoke in an offhand manner of the economical reforms that have been introduced under the present administration of the postal service, asserting that Postmaster-General Hitchcock had in one year reduced the postal deficit \$11,000,000. It was evident from Mr. Degraw's remarks that he had the affairs of the department at his finger's end, for he reeled off statistics and figures with amazing fluency and without reference to notes. He referred especially to the efficiency of the rural delivery service, and asserted that last year, out of 41,000 rural carriers, only 228 had been removed from office, and that in only two instances had it been necessary to proceed against the bondsmen. He gave a brief outline of a paper he had prepared on "Accurate Accounting for the Supplies," which was filed with the secretary and will be printed in full in the proceedings of this convention.

**Rural Parcels Post.** The first speaker of the morning was J. C. Richardson, of Jackson, Mich., who read a paper on "Special Rural Parcels Post." He asserted that Germany transported her mails for far less than it cost this country, probably for less than half, and asked why it was that the United States could not make a similar reduction in railroad charges. He saw no reason why this country should not assimilate the best features of the post-offices of European countries.

He heartily recommended the introduction of parcels posts on rural lines. He argued that it would render farm life more attractive, and would benefit the rural carrier. Much of the objection of merchants to a general parcels post, he said, would not apply to a parcels post which would begin and end with the rural carrier routes, and not apply to cities and towns, or in any way compete with the express companies. He admitted that the express companies would make a vigorous fight against any such post, whatever, but he considered their position as unimportant, saying that the people should get the benefit of the enormous profits made by those monopolies.

"The express companies are carrying much light weight matter that should be carried by mail. The English and German parcels post laws have served to moderate the charges of the express companies in those countries. There is a moral in this that the people would do well to consider."

**Would Reduce Deficit.** B. F. Thomas, of Omaha, Neb., outlined the advantages of the establishment of a special rural parcels post as giving opportunities to the farmer, increasing the salaries of fourth-class postmasters now receiving in many cases but a pittance, giving a trade stimulus to the country merchant, and increasing the revenues of the post-office department.

"In round numbers the postal deficit for the year 1909 was \$17,000,000. The loss from the rural free delivery was \$28,000,000. In no event should there be a general deficiency. It is especially desirable that there be no deficiency in the rural service. If parcels post were added as an auxiliary to this service, it would materially decrease this deficiency, as with but small additional expense, a large additional revenue could be secured. The government has already in operation a plant only partly utilized. The carrier is paid for his time, not for his service, and if the government should give him something to do, he would still be paid for his time."

**Civil Service Reform.** John C. Black, president of the United States Civil Service Commission, spoke briefly on the relation of the Post-Office Department to the civil service. He reminded his hearers that the civil service was but twenty-seven years old, and that it had come into being only after great opposition. But in spite of that, there is no department of the government that does not recognize the indispensable character of its services. He said that the postal service employs 325,000 persons, at an annual expense exceeding \$200,000,000, and commended the reforms wrought by the civil service department, and his remarks were warmly applauded.

Robert Sharp, chief post-office inspector, spoke briefly, and was followed by Seth B. Strong, postmaster of Houston, who read a paper entitled, "Shall Patrons Be Required to Receive Mail Boxes as a Condition to Receive City Delivery Service." He strongly urged the introduction as far as practicable of mail boxes as tending to save time to the letter carriers and insure more accurate and satisfactory delivery.



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Attendance Is Record Breaking—Interesting Race Card With Closely Run Dashes. Awards in Live-Stock Department.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., September 28.—One of the largest crowds ever at the Interstate Fair on the second day, was present to-day, despite the midsummer weather conditions. Estimates carry the daytime crowd up to 20,000, though 15,000 seems to be more conservative. To-night three or four thousand more have been added to the number, bringing the liberal estimates for the day up to 15,000 to 19,000. To-morrow a larger crowd is expected, with good weather.

The race card at the second day of the Interstate Fair was interesting, and the dashes were fast and closely run. In the fifth heat of the first race, Driver Padgett, behind Roan Hall, claimed Cannon, with Roy Wilkes, fouled him, but the foul was not allowed, and the race went to Roy Wilkes.

Summary of Day's Races. First race, 2:17 pace, purse \$200—

Roy Wilkes, b. g. Cannon, Florence, S. C., 1, 1, 2, 2, 1; Roan Hall, r. g. E. J. Doyle, Lynchburg, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2; Itero, br. s., Edge Hill Farm, Shawville, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, Time, 2:17 1-4. 2:18 1-4. 2:17 1-4. 2:17 3-4.

Second race, 2:30 trot; stake, \$500—Omar, b. g. C. B. Tansy, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1, 1, 1; Edge Hill Farm, b. s., Edge Hill Farm, 2, 2, 5; Nomeny, blk. g. M. Harden, Raleigh, N. C., 3, 4, 2; Country Boy, b. g. F. B. Claus, Jr., Washington, D. C., 5, 3; Croesus, Jr., b. h. M. R. Doyle, Lynchburg, Va., 5, 3, 4. Times, 2:25 1-2, 2:26 1-4, 2:23 1-4.

Third race, six and one-half furlongs dash; stake \$400—Cherokee Rose, b. g., first; Hyman, blk. m., second; Muskulon, b. g., third. Aunt Kate and Dori Carroll also ran. Time, 1:20. Fourth race, one and one-sixteenth mile dash; purse, \$200—Maponera, b. f., first; Hazelthorp, b. second; Saltram, b. m., third. Mountfollo also ran. Time, 1:45 1-2.

Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs dash; purse, \$200—Lucile, ch. m., first; Baby Willie, blk. m., second; Clifton, b. g., third. Time, 56 1-2. Sixth race, five furlongs dash; purse, \$200—Aunt Kate, b. g., first; Clifton, b. g., second; Euripides, b. h., third. Time, 1:05.

**Live Stock Awards.** The first awards announced were in the live stock department, as follows: Thoroughbred—stallion, four years and over—J. M. B. Lewis, first; E. G. McKenna, second. Brood mares, four years old and over—J. M. B. Lewis, first; J. T. McKinney, second. O. R. Pettyjohn, third. Three-year-olds, either sex—J. R. Horsley, first; J. M. B. Lewis, second. Yearlings, either sex—J. T. McKinney, first; G. H. Wilkins, second. Weanlings, either sex—J. T. McKinney, first; O. R. Pettyjohn, second; J. M. B. Lewis, third.

Half-bred, or less than thoroughbred, three-year-old, mare or gelding—R. V. Martindale, first; Robert Caulfield, second; William Beasley, third. Yearling, either sex—R. V. Martindale, first. Weanling, either sex—R. V. Martindale, first; G. H. Wilkins, second; C. D. Glen, third. Standard-bred—stallion, four years old and over—William Carter, first; W. E. Graves, second. Brood mares, four years old and over—Charles McLeod, first; M. B. Hickson, second. Three-year-old, either sex—F. L. Browning, first; Charles McLeod, second. Two-year-old, either sex—Charles McLeod, first. Weanling, either sex—M. B. Hickson, first; Charles McLeod, second. Half standard or trotting-bred, or less than pure-bred—One-year-old, either sex—E. C. Deacon, first; M. B. Hickson, second. Yearling, either sex—J. T. McKinney, first; W. H. Ballock, second. Stallion four years old and over—H. L. Page, mare, four years old and over—H. L. Page, first and second. Half-bred coachers—three years old, mare or gelding—J. T. McKinney, first and second; two-year-old mare or gelding—John T. McKinney, first; H. L. Page, second. Yearling, either sex—R. E. Graves, first; C. H. Scott, second.

**THIRD VICTIM OF DISEASE.** Another Child at State Baptist Orphanage Hasse Avery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., September 28.—James Mannings, died last night at the State Baptist Orphanage, in Salem, the third

victim of dysentery, a disease that has been epidemic there several weeks. The boy was twelve years old. Seven or eight of the orphans are yet suffering from the disease. Their symptoms, however, are not regarded as necessarily serious, and several of them are believed to be convalescent. The management is encouraged to hope that no further cases will develop.

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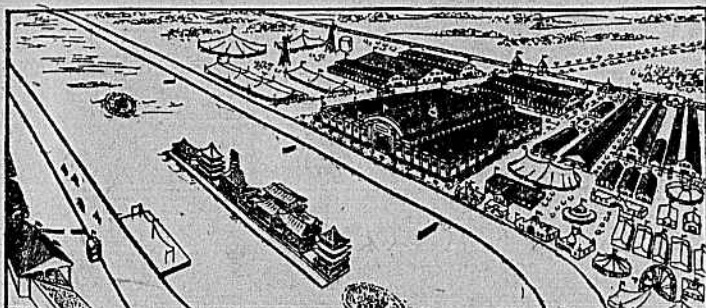
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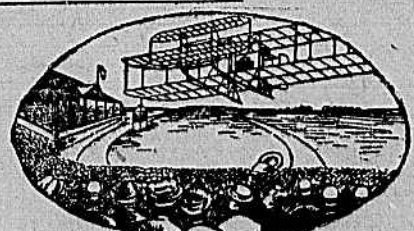
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